

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Romeo et al.	Examiner:	Ketter, J.S.
Serial No.:	10/826,967	Group Art Unit:	1636
Filed:	April 16, 2004	Docket No.:	14233.0004USU1
Conf. No.:	2920	Customer No.:	23552
Title:	NOVEL GENES INVOLVED IN THE <i>ESCHERICHIA COLI</i> BIOFILM FORMATION AND USES THEREOF		

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

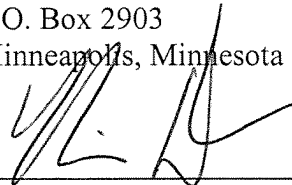
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 28, 2006, said period of response being extended from August 28, 2006 to September 28, 2006.

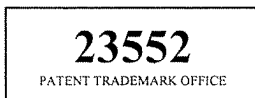
Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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